

## THE VOLTA PROGRAM

The Vocational Outside Lineworker Training Academy has grown from the success of the outside line industry's principal training organization in the Pacific Northwest. The *Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee of the Northwest Line Construction Industry*, known more simply as NW Line JATC, was formed in 1957. It provides comprehensive training for experienced line workers who are advancing toward their outside electrical construction industry Journeyman status.

NW Line JATC is an industry-based, nonprofit association of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA). This joint venture assures that the needs of both groups are met in two important ways. First, by training a labor force of highly skilled electrical workers. And secondly, by ensuring these individuals are current with the ever changing technology of our country's power delivery systems.



**Opportunities for advancement in the Outside Line Industry are growing as the number of line workers retiring increases.**

## VOLTA's TRAINING OBJECTIVES

The entry-level lineworker program prepares workers to enter the Outside Line industry with the basic knowledge of electrical systems, equipment, and safety to satisfy initial employment requirements. Employment skills learned will prepare students for power lineworker, power line clearance, and power ground worker positions.

### What's In It For Me?

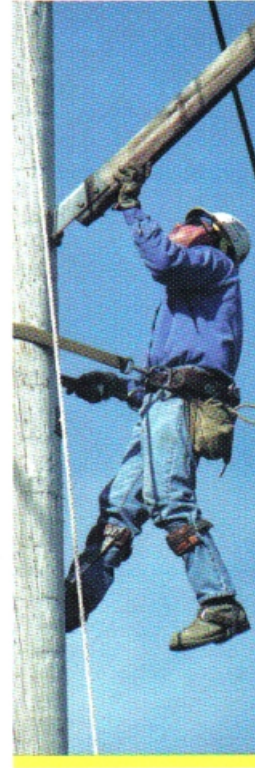
The Outside Electrical Industry is experiencing many changes: deregulation, utility and contractor consolidation, new utility workforce strategies, skilled labor shortages, and required federal and state OSHA safety training. Contractors and Unions now need a mobile, flexible, and highly trained workforce. They want entry level employees prepared to be immediately productive and safe workers capable of moving into apprenticeship programs.

VOLTA will prepare you to meet those needs by offering a solid foundation to pursue multiple opportunities in the Outside Electrical Industry.

This includes such skilled and semi-skilled positions as:

- LINE & TREE CREW HELPERS
- APPRENTICE TREE TRIMMERS
- APPRENTICE LINE WORKERS
- EQUIPMENT OPERATORS FOR DIGGERS / DERRICKS, CRANES, & BACKHOES

At VOLTA, students will also have an overview of the indoor segment of commercial and residential electrical work opportunities. As you seek employment, VOLTA graduates will know what to expect from registered apprenticeship programs that are sponsored by professional contractors.



## THE VOLTA SYSTEM

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS, TUITION AND EXPENSES

#### State of Oregon Certification:

VOLTA is licensed through the State of Oregon's Department of Education as a private, non-profit vocational training school.

#### Admission Requirements:

VOLTA encourages anyone who is interested in learning a high-paying, skilled trade to apply. The program focuses on skills for the new worker and for the experienced worker who is changing occupations. To be admitted to the Vocational Outside Line Training Academy, prospective students must:

- BE A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR HAVE RECEIVED A GED CERTIFICATE;
- BE 18 YEARS OF AGE PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE TRAINING;
- COMPLY WITH A NO-TOLERANCE DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY;
- POSSESS A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE ISSUED IN THE UNITED STATES;
- BE PHYSICALLY ABLE TO PERFORM THE WORK OF THE INDUSTRY, INCLUDING CLIMBING UTILITY POLES.

#### Tuition and Expenses:

For current tuition information, contact the NW Line JATC office or visit our website at: [www.nwlinejadc.org](http://www.nwlinejadc.org)



**From the local level to the National Electrical Grid, there are openings for safe, skilled workers.**



## THE STAFF & ADVISORS

The VOLTA program is staffed by instructors who are Journeyman level workers, active in the industry. You learn from those who have first hand experience—people who are “hands-on” with dozens of years in the field.

### Industry Networking

Members of the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee represent both the IBEW and NECA. These two trade organizations represent broad opportunities for employment. Students are encouraged to network with these people and organizations. This way you will have a foundation to build on and the ability to generate contacts with union and business representatives through the NW Line JATC members.



In the electrical power line industry there is no seniority or tenure, promotion is based solely on your ability.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Application procedures are available from the NW Line JATC office:  
6162 NE 80th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97218  
503-253-8202  
Or from: [www.nwlinejatc.org](http://www.nwlinejatc.org)  
for links and for email inquiries.



Salary and pay increases are established by National Standards, so you'll know exactly when and how you get your raises.

## VOLTA

*The name VOLTA pays tribute to Alessandro Volta, the ingenious 18th Century professor of physics, who created the battery and did pioneering work in the understanding of electricity.*

*Volta's contribution to science is reflected in the term "volt," meaning the measurement of electrical potential. In turn, it is fitting that VOLTA graduates reflect their potential to contribute to the electrical power distribution industry.*

Camp Rilea is located approximately 10 miles south of Astoria, Oregon on highway 101.

